



AGENDA NOTICE

City of Traverse City Parks & Recreation Commission Regular Meeting
6:30 p.m.
September 4, 2014

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 2nd Floor, 400 Boardman Ave.
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Posted: 9 – 2 - 2014

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AGENDA

Chairperson Brian Haas Presiding

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

The purpose of the consent calendar is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission, staff or the public may ask that any item on the consent calendar be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere on the agenda for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected.

- a. Consideration of minutes of the August 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Report on Northern Michigan Water Safety Network (Sup't. Vaughn)
- b. Report on NMC Marketing Class application (Sup't Vaughn)

4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on planning process for City Park at Rose & Boyd Streets (Commissioner Howe)
- b. Update on Sunset Park fitness park proposal (Sup't Vaughn)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. COMMISSION REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Superintendent's Report
- b. Schedule of Upcoming Events

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MINUTES

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, 400 BOARDMAN AVENUE
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Margaret Szajner, Brook DiGiacomo, Gary Howe, Brian Haas
Seamus Shinnars, Danielle Rearick (arrived at 6:37)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Arianne Whittaker

ALSO PRESENT: Lauren Vaughn, Sheila Dodge

Chairperson Brian Haas Presiding

1. ITEM ON THE AGENDA BEING CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Consideration of minutes of the June 5, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Consideration of minutes of the June 25, 2014 Special Meeting.

Motion by Howe, seconded by DiGiacomo, that the following action as recommended on the Consent Calendar portion of the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED 5 – 0

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A presentation was given by Robert Guenther, Jeff Gauthier, Vern Gauthier, and Brad Gijlio of "Fit For You", a local health club business, on their proposal for the installation of a Fitness Park to be located in Sunset Park. Commissioner Szajner and Commissioner DiGiacomo will form a working group to study this topic.
- b. Discussion took place regarding the possible formation of a working group to further develop an implementation process for project evaluation, development and continued support. Commissioner Howe and Commissioner DiGiacomo (with the possibility of Chairperson Haas) will form a working group to develop the implementation process.
- c. Discussion took place regarding the possible formation of a working group to address Goal 4: Performance Landscape Guidelines from the current Parks and Recreation Plan. No action was taken at this time.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Howe spoke regarding the planning process for the City Park at Rose and Boyd Streets. Commissioner Howe and Commissioner DiGiacomo will form a working group for this project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jonathan Aylward, 1313 Ramsdell, TC
Stuart Campbell, 709 Grant St., TC

- b. Superintendent Vaughn gave an update on the timeline for the Dog Park improvements.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. COMMISSION REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Superintendent's Report
- b. Schedule of Upcoming Events

There being no objection, Chairperson Haas declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission approved: _____ - _____ on September 4, 2014.

Lauren A. Vaughn
Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Park Improvement: Park located at Rose and Boyd

* 1. How often do you visit the park at Rose and Boyd St.?

- ☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Occasionally
☐ Very rarely
☐ Never

If you visit, what is your most common activity at the park?

* 2. How often do you pass by this park using the multi-use trail?

- ☐ Daily
☐ Weekly
☐ Monthly
☐ Occasionally
☐ Very rarely
☐ Never

* 3. What reasons have kept you from visiting this park more often or at all? (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ A lack of useful amenities
☐ I didn't know it existed
☐ I'm too busy
☐ It's not in my neighborhood
☐ It's unattractive
☐ I don't visit parks

* 4. Do you visit other parks in Traverse City?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, what park do you visit the most often and what draws you there?

* 5. How important to you are each of the following benefits provided by small city parks?

1 = not very important, 5 = most important

	1	2	3	4	5
Beauty and aesthetics of the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family friendly activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social interaction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Physical activity and health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enjoyment of open space/nature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ecological value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

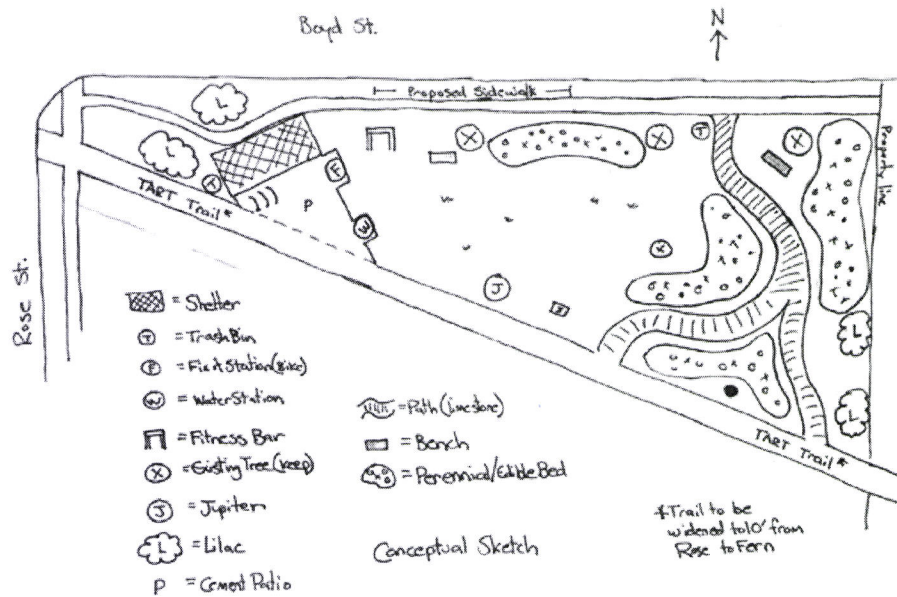
6. What is an improvement to the park at Rose and Boyd St. that would expand your community pride?

* 7. How much do you agree with the following vision statement for the park at Rose and Boyd St.?

"This park will be a multi-generational park that supports healthy lifestyles, fitness, and connected neighborhoods."

- ☐ I agree 100%
- ☐ I mostly agree
- ☐ I somewhat agree
- ☐ I don't agree
- ☐ I don't know
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Conceptual sketch including some suggested improvements



* 8. The sketch above shows a rough concept for this park. Please indicate your level of support for each of the suggested elements shown.

1 = Don't support, 5 = Enthusiastically support

	1	2	3	4	5
Fix it station for bicycles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trailside shelter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Serpentine pathway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native/Edible gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Little Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness bar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sidewalk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. What would you like to see in this park that's not represented in the sketch above?

10. The City of Traverse City has never officially named this park.

Do you have a name preference or name suggestion for this park?

* 11. What neighborhood do you live in?

- ☐ Old Town
- ☐ Oak Park
- ☐ Boardman
- ☐ Orchard Heights
- ☐ Kids Creek
- ☐ SoFo (South of Fourteenth)
- ☐ Central
- ☐ Slabtown
- ☐ Traverse Heights
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Would you like to help improve this park?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please add your name, email address, and how you're most interested in helping (work-bees, donations, planning, i.e.)

Thank you for contributing to your community. The results of this survey will be used by Parks and Recreation Commission and community volunteers to make recommendations to the City for the improvements of this park space.

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Summary of discussion regarding the Fit For You proposal for the Sunset Park Fitness Zone by City Staff and City Manager

If Fit For You wants to raise the money for the purchase of the equipment and donate it to the City, it could be installed in Sunset Park if it is determined that Sunset is the best place for it.

Fit For You would not be able to have exclusive use or administration of the Fitness Zone. It would be open for anyone to use the facility if does get installed.


Fit For You could hold classes at the park as could any other fitness business, organization, or individuals.

Fit For You could have a staff person at the park to help assist people in the proper use of the equipment if they chose to do so at no cost to the individuals visiting the park.

If the City decided that they wanted someone to administer and monitor the Fitness Zone use, they would have to seek proposals from qualified businesses or individuals.

Memorandum

The City of Traverse City

TO: Parks and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Lauren A. Vaughn, Parks and Recreation Superintendent
RE: Superintendent's Report 
DATE: August 29, 2014

Our successful day camp program, completed it's 10 week run on August 22. It was another great year with 50 attendees registered most days.

Our new adult beach volleyball program that began on July 22 will be wrapping up the season next week with a single elimination tournament. The teams have enjoyed participating in the league. We will get input from them to see if they would like it to continue nest summer and what suggestions they have. We have had a Women's 4s and a Co-ed 4s league with a total of nine teams between the two leagues.

Our fall and winter adult volleyball program will begin on October 6. The registration period will begin in mid-September. Last year we had two women's and one co-ed league. We use TCAPS elementary gyms for the program.

See you Thursday, September 4th.

TO: Park and Recreation Commissioners
FROM: Lauren A. Vaughn, Parks and Rec. Sup't.
DATE: August 29, 2014



SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4, 2014 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2014 – Tentative Last Day for Waterscape Operation (weather permitting)

October 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

October 6, 2014 – Adult Indoor Volleyball Program Begins

November 6, 2014 – Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.